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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED	September 23, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. James Walsh, LPCMH, **President**, Presiding
Maynard Gregory, LCDP, **Vice President**
Vera Murrell, Public Member, **Secretary**
Daniel Cherneski, LMFT
Dr. William Northey, LMFT
William Gale, LPCMH
Lisa Ritchie, LPCMH
Tracy Hansen, LMFT
Mary Davis, LCDP
Clayton Yocum, Sr., Public Member
Robert Doyle, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Catherine Hickey, Deputy Attorney General
Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Winnie Lewis, Public Member

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Walsh called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the June 24, 2009 meeting minutes for approval. Ms. Murrell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review Draft of Proposed Rule and Regulation Changes

The Board reviewed a draft of proposed changes to the regulations that was prepared by Deputy Attorney Generals Catherine Hickey and Allison Reardon. The Board determined that there are some areas that require additional discussion and may require substantial changes to the drafted

language. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to send this issue back to the committee for further discussion and revision. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Certification Information from North American Association of Psychology (NAMP)

This item was tabled until NAMP's code of ethics comparison information has been received.

Discussion Regarding Letter from Lauren Tinsley about Supervision and NBCC Certification

The Board again discussed the letter from Lauren Tinsley, in which she asked some questions regarding how applicants can obtain a LACMH license when their Master's degree is in School Counseling. She advised that the NBCC requires that applicants with a Master's degree in School Counseling obtain all of their experience before they can sit for the exam and get their certification. This means they cannot apply for LACMH in Delaware. Ms. Slaughter provided the Board with NBCC's experience requirements when the degree program is not CACREP accredited which would include a masters in school counseling. For these applicants the NBCC requires that 3000 hours of experience be completed before they will grant certification. After reviewing NBCC's requirements the Board recognizes that there is some inconsistency between NBCC's requirements for certification and Delaware's requirements for licensure. Despite the inconsistencies the Board feels that the current statute and regulations provides a sufficient explanation of the supervision and experience requirements to obtain licensure as a licensed professional counselor of mental health. Nonetheless, the Board is currently in the process of discussing possible revisions to the statute and regulations and will consider revising the language to provide further clarification of the licensure requirements pertaining to supervision and experience.

Sign Order from Show Cause Hearing – John Arick

The board affixed their signatures to the Order on the show cause hearing for John Arick.

Review CE Documentation Submitted by Esther Smith

The Board reviewed the CE documentation that Ms. Smith submitted as required in the Board's Order. Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen, to accept the CE. Motion unanimously carried. Ms. Smith has complied with the Board's Order and her 2008 CE audit is now satisfied.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Monet Drummond

The Board reviewed Ms. Drummond's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Carrie Joseph

The Board reviewed Ms. Joseph's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Ms. Murrell, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Brandi Harris

The Board reviewed Ms. Harris' application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for LCDP Licensure by Certification – Gail Beutler

The Board reviewed Ms. Beutler's application for LCDP licensure by certification. Mr. Gregory made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gale, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Applications for LCDP Licensure by Certification – Cornell Brunson

The Board reviewed Mr. Brunson's application for LCDP licensure by certification. Mr. Gregory made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ritchie, to **table** the application for additional information regarding Mr. Brunson's criminal history. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request to Return to Active Status – Kenneth Stecher

The Board reviewed Mr. Stecher's request to return his LPCMH license back to active status. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve the request. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for Approval of Continuing Education Activities from McKissock

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen, to approve the course entitled "Adolescent Sexuality: Issues and Interventions," for 6 hours of CE. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hansen, to approve the course entitled "Treating Children with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder," for 3 hours of CE. Motion unanimously carried.

Assign Complaints

Mr. Gale agreed to be the contact person for complaint #33-02-09.

Discussion Regarding Disciplinary Sanctions

Ms. Davis asked how sanctions are determined, and what type of offense would result in a suspension or revocation. Ms. Hickey advised Ms. Davis that sanctions are determined on a case by case basis depending on the facts presented at the hearing, and that there are no specific sanctions for specific offenses, but the board should try to be as consistent as possible. Ms. Davis also raised a concern about licensees not appearing with counsel and whether they realized how serious the penalties can be. Ms. Slaughter advised Ms. Davis that a hearing notice is sent which advises the licensee of the possibility of sanctions being imposed and it advises them of their right to be represented by counsel. It is up to the licensee if they wish to be represented.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence for review by the Board.

Other Business (for discussion only)

There was no other business before the Board.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

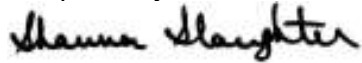
Next Meeting Date

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2009, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room A of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gregory, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shauna Slaughter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shauna Slaughter
Administrative Specialist II